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SUBJ: IPU

1. IPU COUNCIL OCTOBER 2 ENDORSED EARLIER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TO DROP INQUIRY INTO STATUS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN IPU. VOTE WAS HEFTY 72 (US)-25 WITH 9 ABSTENTIONS.

2. USSR AND OTHER BLOC GROUPS ORCHESTRATED SPEECHES STRESSING PARIS AGREEMENTS RECOGNIZED TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CALLED FOR ELECTIONS TO FORM NEW NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. THUS SVN GROUP NOT FULLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OR TERRITORY OF SVN AS REQUIRED IN IPU STATUTES. CONTINUING IPU REVIEW OF SITUATION WOULD ENCOURAGE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENTS.

3. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI LED REBUTTAL, STRESSING STATUTES PERMIT ONLY ONE GROUP PER COUNTRY, THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR DISAFFILIATION OF MEMBER, AND THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SVN REPRESENTATION. LEAVING SVN SITUATION IN ABEYANCE WOULD CREATE PRECEDENT DANGEROUS FOR ALL GROUPS IN FUTURE WHOSE STATUS WOULD BE SUSPECT OR UNDER INVESTIGATION. SUCH A "SECOND-CLASS MEMBERSHIP" CATEGORY NOT PROVIDED FOR UNDER IPU RULES. HELPFUL INTERVENTIONS ALONG THESE LINES ALSO MADE BY PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM BELGIUM, JAPAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAMEROONS, FRANCE AND THAILAND.

COMMENT: RESULTS WERE GRATIFYING TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE
AND US PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES. LACK
OF PRG RESPONSE TO IPU
INQUIRIES RE SITUATION IN THEIR AREA ALSO UNDERCUT
SOVIET ARGUMENTS. VOTES OF INDIVIDUAL PARLIAMENTARIANS,
OF COURSE, DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS,
AS FAVORABLE ATTITUDE OF GABON, ZAIRE, NEPAL, SUDAN, CAMEROON
DEMONSTRATED.
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